

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

5 In re Application of: Birk et al.) Group Art Unit: 3733
Application No.: 10/562,954)
Filing Date: December 30, 2005) Examiner: Elana Beth Fisher
10 For: IMPLANTABLE DEVICE FASTENING) Confirmation No.: 8688
SYSTEM AND METHODS OF USE) Customer No.: 51957
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15 Mail Stop AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
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20 **ELECTION AND AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

Applicants respond to the September 30, 2009 office action as follows:

25 **Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 2 of this paper (Replacement Sheets and
Annotated Sheets Showing those changes made are attached hereto.)

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

30 **Listing** of the claims begin on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.